

11 KILLED AT FORT MONROE

Gun Explodes, Scattering Death Among Soldiers.

WAS BOMBARDING ENEMY

Wives and Children See Artillerymen Killed in Awful Disaster at Target Practice.

Eleven enlisted men were killed outright, three were fatally and three others less seriously injured, and one commissioned officer was hurt in the blowing out of the breech-block of a twelve-inch gun at Fort Monroe, Norfolk, Va.

The explosion occurred during an attempt to stop an imaginary fleet from passing the fort and thus reaching Washington.

Second Lieutenant George L. Van Deusen, of the Sixty-ninth company of coast artillery, had his leg broken.

The Dead.

Sergeant Harry G. Hess, of Phoebus, Va., gun commander.

Corporal Charles C. Adkins, address unknown.

Corporal Albert Bradford, Dorothy, W. Va.

Private A. J. Sullivan, Perkins, Ky.

Private Ray Duffy, Kenova, W. Va.

Private H. Adey, Brandonville, W. Va.

Private C. W. King, Dayton, O.

Private John W. Chadwick, Tazewell, Tenn.

Private Alfred W. Smith, New York.

Private Judd E. Hogan, Geyer, O.

Private James H. Turner, Ripley, Tenn.

The accident was due to the premature explosion of a full service charge of powder, but what caused it is unknown and probably never will be. All who were in sight of the gun when it occurred were killed.

Colonel Townsley has designated a board of officers to make an investigation. Some of the men who were killed were literally blown to pieces. The gun was a twelve-inch in a disappearing carriage, and, while it has been in service for several years, has not been fired in practice before the explosion.

Most of the dead lost their lives by being struck by burnt powder, which, before consumption, is in large grains and heavy. All the killed and wounded belonged to the Sixty-ninth company of coast artillery.

Five batteries were engaged in the practice when the explosion occurred. The heavy guns were being fired rapidly at two targets, being drawn by a tug four miles down the bay. About fifty shots in all were fired. One of the targets was completely destroyed and the other hit several times.

Many prominent officers of the army and navy who went to Hampton Roads to witness what was expected to be the greatest target practice of this character that had been attempted anywhere, saw the accident.

It was the more horrible for the reason that wives and children of several of the men killed, no danger having been expected, were permitted to see the target practice. A number of them witnessed the accident.

The explosion was probably due to the premature ignition of a powder charge in which the breech block of a twelve-inch gun and powder were blown to the rear.

Stain as He Slept in Hammock.

Former Mayor A. H. Bouseman, of Ridgeway, a., was assassinated by means of a dynamite bomb, which was thrown from the street under a hammock in which he was lying.

No clue to the identity of the murderer or the cause of the crime has been found.

Mr. Bouseman had been spending the hot evening sleeping in a hammock swung between two trees on the lawn in front of his residence. With out a word of warning at about 10 o'clock the dynamite bomb was thrown by someone passing along the street. It landed in the hammock at his feet, and in an instant exploded. Bouseman's feet were torn away by the bursting shell, and his legs frightfully mutilated. In great agony he died an hour later.

Although the town authorities made every effort to discover the assassin, no clue could be found, and it is believed he escaped without being seen by any one. The news quickly spread about town and excitement grew to a high pitch.

As mayor of Ridgeway Mr. Bouseman presided over the police court of the town trying petty cases. It is thought that some person upon whom Bouseman in his court had passed sentence of punishment held a grudge against him and had been awaiting an opportunity to wreak vengeance on him. The opportunity came as Bouseman lay sleeping in the open air.

The terrific report attracted many persons to the scene, but the excitement was so great that apparently no one thought to search for the assassin until he had made his escape undetected.

Embezzled Over a Million.

Following an examination of the books of August Ropke, the defuncting assistant secretary of the Fidelity Trust company, of Louisville, Ky., a meeting of the company's stockholders

was held and it was reported to them by experts that the entire surplus of the company, \$1,340,000, had been used in the speculations of Ropke.

Owing to the fact that there are several millions of dollars behind the institution, the Fidelity will not have to close its doors, although the shortage of Ropke is one of the largest ever known in the south. The stockholders have ratified the order for the issuance of new stock, and \$1,000,000 has been put out by the company and will be sold. It was issued at par value and it is understood that every dollar of it will be taken by the present stockholders.

Ropke, who is in jail unable to furnish bonds of \$25,000, is a German, forty-five years old. He lived unostentatiously, but began dabbling in stocks and grain several years ago. He was successful for a time, but the inevitable losses followed.

Mrs. Grice and Baby Found Alive.

Mrs. James Cleveland Grice, the Sharpsburg, Md. girl-bride, and her seven-week-old child, who were supposed by the authorities of Maryland and Pennsylvania to have been murdered by the husband and father, are both alive and well.

Mr. and Mrs. Grice are living together in Blackwell City, Okla., having taken up their residence about ten days ago. The couple spent several days in Washington before they went west.

Baby Grice, who was said to have been murdered by her father, is cooing and kicking the covers off in a neat little cot in the Sylvan Heights Home for Orphans, at Twelfth and Derry streets, Harrisburg, Pa., where she was taken by her mother on June 15 the day following her mysterious disappearance.

James Cleveland Grice, who was to have been the honor man in the graduating class of the Millersville Normal school at Lancaster, was arrested on the charge of doing away with his wife and baby.

It is learned that after leaving the Lancaster jail Grice went to his parents' home, in Sharpsburg, where he met his wife. On the fourth day after his release he and Mrs. Grice went to Washington where they boarded a train for the west.

Lightning Hits Aeroplane.

While he was making a cross-country flight at Barcelona, Spain, the aeroplane of an aviator named Ehrmann was struck by a bolt of lightning. Blazing, it fell to the ground. The aviator escaped uninjured, which is regarded as wonderful.

Probably there has never been a more startling aerial exhibition than that which Ehrmann unwillingly afforded. Those who witnessed it could hardly believe their eyes when the aviator emerged from the singed framework none the worse for his experience.

He was sailing along at a moderate height, when he got in the path of a sky bolt. Instantly the aeroplane was enveloped in flames. Its canvas wings shriveled up, and, clinging to the skeleton of his craft, Ehrmann came down with a crash.

Fish Stabs Him to Death.

Death in an almost unheard of form waited for Laurence S. Baker, eleven years old, of Jacksonville, when he dived from a boat while in Lake Worth.

A stingray, a huge, flat-bodied and gresome species of warm water fish, was lurking just under the boat. One of the barbed spines which this fish carries on its whip-like trail pierced the boy's neck, cutting into the jugular vein. He rose to the surface crying for help, and bled to death within four minutes.

Never Saw His Fiancee.

After traveling from Pensacola, Fla., to meet his fiancee, whom he had never seen, Sergeant Thomas N. McCartney was united in marriage to Miss Frances Donnelly, of Carbondale, Pa.

The girl was visiting in the south a year ago. She became acquainted with Frank McCartney and corresponded with him. One of her letters went astray and was received and read by his brother. A correspondence then began, which ended with the marriage.

Senator Cummins Has Heart Trouble.

Because of heart trouble, augmented by his hard labors at the recent session, Senator Cummins, of Iowa, has cancelled his lecture dates until Aug. 14. The senator has also been ordered to give up golf and cigars temporarily.

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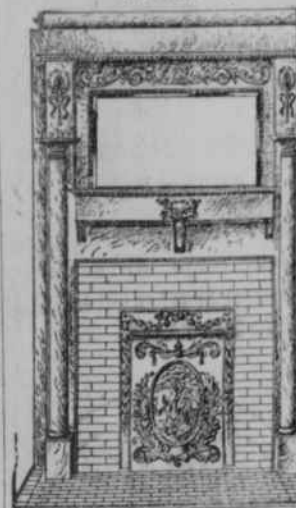
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